

K-395

Parsons Farm Stone Smokehouse  
Worton  
c. 1800

This ten foot square fieldstone smokehouse accompanies a 20th century farmhouse and other buildings. Its walls are about two feet thick and there is a board and batten door. The rafters are half-lapped and pegged, suggesting a construction date before the mid 19th century. It is one of at least four stone outbuildings in the vicinity suggesting the presence of stone in the soil in the same way as was found in Talbot and upper Dorchester counties where other early stone outbuildings occur.

PARSONS FARM STONE DAIRY  
Worton, Maryland  
(19th century)

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## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Parsons Farm Stone Dairy

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

East side, Route 297, one mile south of  
Worton

1st

CITY, TOWN

Worton

XX VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Kent

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

**3 CLASSIFICATION****CATEGORY**☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT**OWNERSHIP**☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED**STATUS**☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS**ACCESSIBLE**☒ YES RESTRICTED☐ YES UNRESTRICTED☐ NO**PRESENT USE**☐ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

William L. Parsons

Telephone #: 301-778-2887

STREET &amp; NUMBER

RD #4

CITY, TOWN

Chestertown

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC

Kent County Court House

Liber #: EHP 37

Folio #: 428

STREET &amp; NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Chestertown, Maryland

STATE

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

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**CONDITION**

☐ EXCELLENT      ☐ DETERIORATED  
☐ GOOD            ☐ RUINS  
☒ FAIR              ☐ UNEXPOSED

**CHECK ONE**

☒ UNALTERED  
☐ ALTERED

**CHECK ONE**

☒ ORIGINAL SITE  
☐ MOVED      DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

The Parsons farm is located on the east side of Route 297 about one mile south of Worton. The house on the property as well as the barns probably date from early in the 20th century, but the most interesting building on the property is a small meathouse constructed of fieldstone. In plan, the building measures about 10' square with walls that are about 2' thick. It has a board and batten door that is hung on strap hinges and a small vent in its south gable. The roof is constructed with rafters that are half lapped and pegged, and it is finished with a plain box cornice. Verge boards in the gables are about 6" wide and untapered. The wooden shingle roof is finished, as all shingle roofs once were with a "combed ridge," that is with a projecting upper row of shingles above the ridge which serve to shed water. Once stuccoed, the building is in fair condition.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE		
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)		
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION				

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SPECIFIC DATES    before mid-19th century    BUILDER/ARCHITECT

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY \_\_\_\_\_

STATE \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY \_\_\_\_\_

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

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Kent County Planning Commission

DATE

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STREET & NUMBER

Court House

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

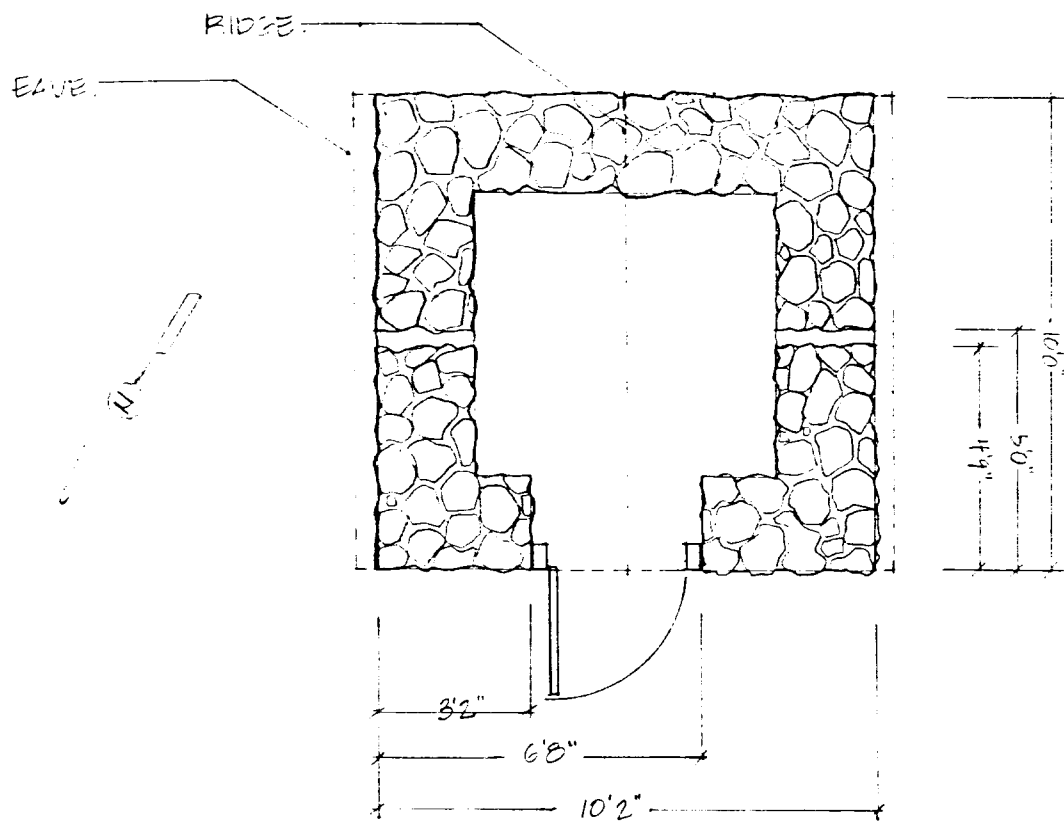
Chestertown, Maryland

STATE

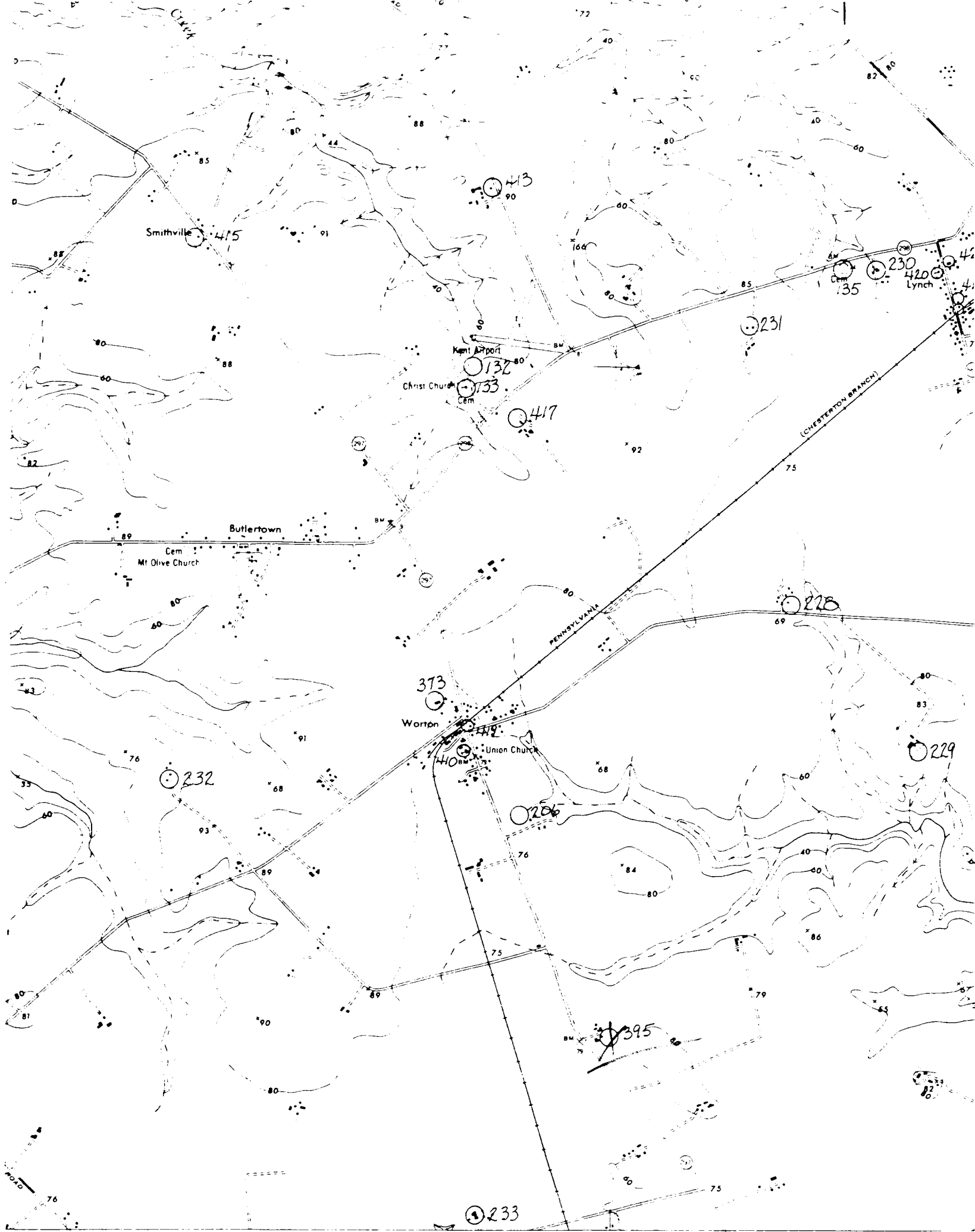
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Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
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PARSONS FARM MEATHOUSE (K-395) WORTON, MARYLAND.  
 SCALE: 1/4" = 1'0"







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